6th January 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year and welcome back! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the lovely gifts we received for Christmas; it was very kind of you. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and that the children are looking forward to starting the new term ahead.

This term our topic is called ‘What happens when I fall asleep?’. We will be starting our topic by focusing on the story ‘Whatever next!’ before moving on to learning about the planet Earth, the Sun and the Moon. We will then learn about the other planets in our solar system and enter into the imaginary world of space creatures and aliens where we will design our own planet and alien. We will finish our topic finding out about nocturnal animals and people who work at night. For more information on this term’s topic please see the learning web attached.

In Reception, we are learning the foundations to become successful readers and writers. As part of this learning, we will be focusing on correctly forming letters. To support this, please help your child with forming their letters correctly when they are writing at home. It is also important to regularly listen to your child read their books and, similarly, to regularly practise the words and sounds contained in their pink books, as this will aid them with their reading as well as help to improve their writing.

P.E. will be taught on Friday mornings. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school all week and that all items in the kit are clearly labelled. We are focusing on the children being independent when getting dressed and organising their belongings. To support this please encourage your child to dress independently and practise using buttons and zips.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to quickly ask either myself or Mrs Bray in the morning or, should you need longer, make an after school appointment via the office. I have very much enjoyed getting to know your children before Christmas and I am really looking forward to helping them to progress as the year continues.

Best wishes,

Mrs McColville